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SUBJECT: WB/G SITREP: JUNE 22, 2005 (1700 HOURS LOCAL) --
IDF ARRESTS 10 PIJ ACTIVISTS IN THE WEST BANK, NO INJURIES
FROM IAF MISSILE STRIKE IN GAZA

This is a joint ConGen Jerusalem/Embassy Tel Aviv cable.

11. (SBU) Summary: The IDF arrested alleged 10 PIJ activists June 21, most in Qalqiliya and Nablus. The IDF also arrested a Palestinian woman who attempted to stab an IDF soldier at a checkpoint near Tulkarm on June 21, according to Israeli newspapers. There were no injuries in the incident. In Gaza, Palestinian militants fired at least four mortar rounds and one Qassam rocket at IDF and Israeli settler targets in the Gaza Strip. IAF aircraft fired two missiles at militant cells attempting to launch mortars from Bayt Hanoun. No injuries were reported in any of these incidents. End Summary.

West Bank

12. (SBU) ATTACKS:

-- Deaths: Nil.

-- Injuries: Nil.

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-- Attacks/Settler Incidents: A settler shot and killed a Palestinian-owned cow near Tubas on June 21, according to Palestinian sources.

-- Demolitions: The IDF demolished five barns for lack of building permits in al-Rashayda village, near Bethlehem, on June 21, according to Palestinian newspapers.

-- Shooting/Disturbance: Palestinian gunmen fired shots in the vicinity of Prime Minister Quraya's motorcade near Nablus on June 22, according to Palestinian media (see &political developments8 below).

13. (SBU) POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS:

-- The PA Cabinet will hold its meeting in Nablus today, with an emphasis on Nablus, Israeli-imposed closures and security problems.

Gaza

14. (SBU) ATTACKS:

-- Deaths: Nil.

-- Injury: Nil.

-- Mortars/Rockets: Palestinian militants fired a total of three mortar shells at Netzarim, one mortar shell at Katif settlement, and one Qassam rocket at Gaddid settlement overnight June 21-22, according to the IDF. UNRWA reported an additional three mortar shells fired at Neve Dekalim/Katif settlements, and one anti-tank missile at an IDF outpost near Rafiah Yam in the same period.

-- Mortars/Rockets: UNRWA and Israeli media reported that IAF aircraft fired two missiles at a building in Bayt Hanoun. According to media reports, the missiles were targeting a militant cell trying to fire mortars. No injuries were reported.

-- Shootings: The IDF reported that Palestinian militants launched a total of seven shooting attacks at IDF and Israeli

settler targets in the Gaza Strip June 21-22.

15. (SBU) BORDER CROSSINGS:

-- Route Four (Salahadeen Road), the main north-south traffic artery, was open June 22, with a major detour at Netzarim Junction.

-- Erez Crossing was open June 21, and 4,995 laborers and 441 merchants crossed into Israel.

-- The Erez Industrial Zone remained closed June 21.

-- Sufa Crossing was closed for Palestinian laborers June 22, but was open for the import of aggregates used in construction.

-- Karni Terminal was open June 22.

-- Rafah Terminal was open for arrivals and departures June 122.

-- Tel al-Sultan checkpoint was closed June 22. Toufah checkpoint was open for residents of al-Mowassi, except males aged 16-30.

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